

MDR Tracking Number: M4-03-4808-01

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 3-24-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT codes: 22899 and 38230.

II. FINDINGS & RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MARS (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
10-3-02	22899	\$1400.00	\$00.00	G	DOP	Surgery GR (I)(A)	The placement of surgical dynamics titanium threaded fusion cages bilaterally, reconstruction of interspinous ligament and supraspinous ligament and preparation of the posterior element bone are not global to the spinal procedures performed on this date, reimbursement of \$1400.00 + \$1200.00 + 500.00 = \$3100.00
	22899	\$1200.00	\$00.00	G	DOP	Surgery GR (I)(A)	
	22899	\$500.00	\$00.00	G	DOP	Surgery GR (I)(A)	
	38230	\$379.50	\$0.00	G	$\$759.00 \times 50\% = \379.50	Surgery GR (I)(A)	Bone marrow harvesting for transplantation is not global to service billed on this date, reimbursement of \$379.50 is recommended.
TOTAL							The requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$3479.50 .

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT codes, 22899 and 38230 in the amount of **\$3479.50**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$3479.50** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 28th day of January 2005.

Elizabeth Pickle
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Medical Review Division